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Mr. Bill Bolen  
Response Section II  
Emergency Response Branch  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
77 West Jackson Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Mr. Bolen:

I am requesting the Region 5 Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) assign an On-Scene Coordinator to conduct a time critical removal assessment at the St. Louis Auto Shredding Drum Disposal site located in Madison, Illinois.

The St. Louis Auto Shredding Drum Disposal site is located south of Madison, just west of Route 203 within St. Clair County. The site is comprised of a disposal area that has been characterized by stressed vegetation, burn residue, and patches of rubbery material. The site was discovered in 1993, at which time, a limited amount of analytical data was collected. In 1998, the Illinois Department of Transportation tasked a contractor to collect additional soil data. The results of the data indicated that the area was heavily contaminated with volatile, semi-volatile, PCB, and inorganic contamination.

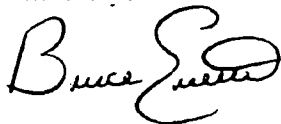
In March 2000, Illinois EPA's Site Assessment Program conducted a Pre-CERCLIS Screening Action at the above referenced site. During the investigation, 16 soil/sediment samples were collected and screened for PCB's using immunoassay technology. An additional 78 locations were screened using an X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) Spectrum Analyzer. The focus of the Pre-CERCLIS Screening Action was upon a 100' x 150' piece of property which contained areas of stressed vegetation and as well as wetland areas. Although a small area was focused upon during the investigation, it is believed that the area of contamination extends beyond the documented area. A copy of the Pre-CERCLIS Screening Action Report is attached.

The Pre-CERCLIS Screening Action identified lead levels which exceeded 94,000 parts per million. PCB levels were detected at concentrations greater than 5 parts per million. The contaminated areas were found to be accessible from an adjacent golf course. The Illinois Department of Transportation has also illustrated an interest in the area due to a road relocation project.

GEORGE H. RYAN, GOVERNOR

As always, the Illinois EPA will provide any assistance to U.S. EPA regarding this matter. Thank you for the consideration and we look forward to working with U.S. EPA in this and future removal activities. I hope to hear back from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Everetts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" being more legible than the last name "Everetts".

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